

BRITISH RECAPTURED METELEN BUT WITHDREW ON YPRES FRONT BECAUSE OF LOSS OF WYTSCHAETE

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Near Wyttschaete and Were Repulsed
With Heavy Losses in Repeated
Attacks North of Bailleul**

GERMAN ADVANCE SOUTH OF ARRAS WAS SOON TURNED INTO RETREAT

London, April 17.—The British have recaptured Meteren on the northern battlefield by a counter-attack, it was announced officially to-day. The British positions before Ypres have been withdrawn to a new line.

South of Arras the Germans were driven out of the British trenches, into which they had forced their way early this morning. German artillery became more active south of the Somme to-day.

The British made a successful counter-attack in the neighborhood of Wyttschaete. Repeated German attacks north of Bailleul were repulsed, the Germans suffering heavy losses.

The official statement says: "In consequence of progress made by the enemy on the Ypres front our troops holding our forward positions east of Ypres have been withdrawn to a new line. The withdrawal was carried out deliberately without interference by the enemy."

Reported to Be Attacking at Wyttschaete

The British at dusk Tuesday, says a Reuter despatch from British headquarters in France, were advancing in the neighborhood of Wyttschaete, south of Ypres, and were reported again to be holding the ground they had lost there.

MAY PRESAGE BIG BATTLE ON SOMME

Heavy Artillery Fighting Occurred Last Night Between That River and the Oise, the French Official Statement To-day Asserted.

Paris, April 17.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night on the principal battlefield between the Somme and the Oise rivers, the war office reported to-day.

THE FALL OF WYTSCHAETE.

After Heavy Bombardment Germans Approached in Strength.

London, April 17.—Field Marshal Haig in his official report last night announces the occupation by the Germans of both Wyttschaete and Spanbroekmolen. The report says:

"Severe fighting has been taking place to-day on the front from Meteren to Wyttschaete. At dawn the enemy renewed his attacks in strength in the neighborhood of Wyttschaete and Spanbroekmolen."

"Supported by a heavy bombardment, his troops approached our positions under cover of the mist and after a prolonged struggle gained possession of both localities."

"At Meteren the enemy also succeeded during the morning in obtaining a footing in the village, where the fighting is continuing."

"On other parts of the above front the enemy's attacks were repulsed."

"This morning the enemy also delivered a strong local attack upon our positions opposite Boyelles, south of Arras, and fighting is still taking place in this neighborhood."

"The hostile artillery has been more active to-day south of Albert and in the neighborhood of La Bassée canal. Bodies of German infantry assembling in the vicinity of London were engaged and dispersed by our artillery."

"There has been increased artillery activity on both sides in the Passchendaele sector."

"On the remainder of the British front the situation is unchanged."

MAY BE FORCED TO EVACUATE YPRES AND PASSCHENDAELE

British Do Not Minimize the Seriousness of the Loss of Bailleul—Germans Have Used Up 120 Divisions.

London, April 17.—There is no inclination here to minimize the seriousness of the loss of Bailleul and the possibility that it may lead to the necessity of evacuating Ypres and Passchendaele.

Correspondents at the front say that the Germans have used up 120 of their 200 divisions in the west and have been able to bring two more divisions from Russia.

GERMANS AT FOOT OF MOUNT KEMMEL

They Have Advanced from Wyttschaete as Far as Stelot, According to One Correspondent.

London, April 17.—According to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Paris, the Germans have advanced from Wyttschaete as far as Stelot and also have a grip on the southern slopes of Mount Kemmel.

ALLIES SEIZED SEVEN TOWNS IN MACEDONIA

Reopening of Military Operations on That Front Was Attended by Marked Success, the Greek Troops Co-operating with the British

STRUMA RIVER WAS CROSSED

The London War Office Announces That the Offensive Was Carried Out with Slight Casualties on the Part of the Allied Forces

London, April 17.—Greek and British troops, which on Monday crossed the Struma river on the eastern flank of the Macedonian front, occupied seven towns, the war office announced to-day. The operations were carried out with slight casualties.

GREEKS PERFORMED WELL IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE ALLIES AGAINST BULGARIANS.

Paris, April 17.—A raid on a large scale by British and Greek troops who overran 10 villages near the eastern end of the battle line in Macedonia is reported in the official communication issued last night, as follows:

"Eastern Theatre, April 15.—In the course of an extended raid, which was carried out with complete success on the left bank of the Struma between Ormanli and Lake Tchinov, the allied forces drove the Bulgarian outposts from about 10 villages. The Hellenic troops took a brilliant part in this operation by the side of the British. The enemy suffered considerable losses. We took prisoners."

"There was a reciprocal artillery activity along the Cerna. Allied aviators bombed enemy establishments in the Vardar valley and in the neighborhood of Serez."

BARON BURIAN WILL SERVE ONCE MORE

Former Foreign Minister of Austria Succeeds Count Czernin Who Suddenly Resigned the Post—Burian Held the Office Early in the War.

Amsterdam, April 17.—Baron Burian has been appointed Austro-Hungarian foreign minister to succeed Count Czernin, according to a Vienna dispatch. Baron Burian held that office from September, 1914, to December, 1916.

RUTLAND R. R. OFFICERS. Elected at the Annual Meeting in Rutland Yesterday.

Rutland, April 17.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rutland railway was held here yesterday afternoon and directors were elected as follows:

Howard Elliott, John T. Pratt, Alfred H. Smith, William Rockefeller, William H. Newman, George F. Baker, Harold S. Vanderbilt, New York, Edward G. Buckland, New Haven, Conn., DeWitt Chrysler, Philadelphia; W. Seward Webb, Shelbyville; George T. Jarvis, P. W. Clement, Edmund R. Morse, Rutland.

BURLINGTON MAN WOUNDED.

Vernon C. Buxton Was in American Gas and Flame Section.

Burlington, April 17.—Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Buxton of this city were notified by the war department yesterday that their son, Vernon C. Buxton, was slightly wounded in action in France April 9. He also received a wound March 11. Buxton is a graduate of the University of Vermont, class of 1911. After being employed at Elizabeth, N. J., for some time, he entered the service, receiving his training at Washington university. He has been in France since the middle of January and is in the gas and flame section of Co. A, 30th Engineers.

ESCAPED FROM RUSSIA.

Reginald G. Hawley Has Arrived in Yokohama.

Burlington, D. C., April 17.—Word was received yesterday that Reginald G. Hawley, Vermont, 1917, had arrived in Yokohama after a trip across Siberia from Russia. Hawley was in a party of 30 sent by the National City Bank of New York to Petrograd to learn the Russian language and banking system. They remained until conditions in Russia made further residence dangerous.

SEC. BAKER CALLS FOR RENEWED SUPPORT IN PROSECUTING WAR

Washington, D. C., April 17.—Secretary of War Baker to-day called on the American people for renewed support for the war. He is expected to see the president during the day to report on his observations abroad.

To the newspaper man he said: "The American soldier has made good in France. The French and the British authorities are uniform in their praise of the courage, endurance and soldierly qualities of our men. The big thing for America to do is to support the war. This support should include subscriptions to the Liberty loans as well as moral support of high confidence."

LIBERTY LOAN CALL URGENT

Barre Must Wake Up to the Need of Subscribing, Says the Board of Trade

WAR CHEST FUND PLAN ACCEPTED

Officers Were Elected at the Annual Meeting Last Evening

The annual meeting of the Barre Board of Trade in the granite manufacturers' rooms last evening developed into a boost meeting for the Liberty loan although, of course, the annual election of officers was held and some other important actions were taken, notably the adoption of the war chest fund idea to meet calls upon Barre during the war. The meeting was attended by about 50 men and was more lively than usual, owing, perhaps, to the introduction of several topics of rather urgent interest.

At the outset of the meeting Secretary H. A. Phelps reported that the directors had held 10 meetings during the year, each meeting being well attended. At the beginning of the year there were 304 names on the membership list and six names had been added during the year; but against that, 15 members had died, 16 had removed from the city and 68 had failed to pay their annual fees. That leaves a net membership of 211. The secretary has turned \$1,262 into the treasury during the year.

Among some of the things accomplished by the Board of Trade during the year, Secretary Phelps told of assisting in the entertainment of the American Association of Cemetery Superintendents and the Modern Woodmen, the purchasing of 5,000 picture postcards of Barre and the granite industry and the distribution of them, the presentation of \$100 to the Red Cross, joining the United States Chamber of Commerce, furnishing jitney service to the men who went out to work for farmers during a rush time, consultation with the Central Vermont Railway Co. about service and assistance in the recruiting campaign in 1917. The report was accepted.

Treasurer H. G. Woodruff reported a balance on hand of \$12,622 at the beginning of the year; received from Secretary Phelps, \$1,262; total receipts for the year, \$13,744.62; paid out, \$1,347.11; deficit in current fund, \$72.49. There was on savings deposit at the beginning of the year \$690, to which has been added \$26,426, making a total of \$27,116; subtracting the deficit in the current account leaves a net balance of \$26,837.71 in the name of the Board of Trade. That report, along with the report of the auditor, C. M. Willey, was accepted.

The committee on nominations brought in the following list for 1918-19: President, Fred D. Ladd; vice-president, H. A. Richardson; secretary, H. A. Phelps; treasurer, H. G. Woodruff; auditor, C. M. Willey; directors for four years, R. G. Robinson and John O'Leary. Those officers were elected and the annual assessment was fixed at \$5.

The tuberculosis hospital. The business out of the way, the members launched into discussion of various topics, the opening subject being the location of the proposed Washington county tuberculosis sanatorium. When called upon for an explanation of one phase of the law creating the sanatorium, F. G. Howland, a member of the board of trustees of the proposed institution, told expressed his conviction that it would not be best for him to enter into a discussion of the location of the building at that time. Honor C. Ladd stated that a board of trade committee is working on the matter of the location of the institution but he was not prepared to make any definite statements regarding the matter. Rev. J. B. Reardon thought it would be best to have the institution located at some high point in the county remote from a community.

The subject of the tuberculosis hospital having been laid away for the time being, a proposal of instituting a war chest fund in Montpelier where it had during the war, such as Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. war work, etc., was brought up and to bring the discussion to the point. H. H. Jackson moved that the Board of Trade conduct a campaign for the raising of a war chest fund.

H. G. Woodruff heartily favored the idea and he explained the question of the campaign in Montpelier where it had come under his personal observation, and in Brattleboro, from which he had indirect evidence. He said the scheme is for a great deal of effort and the sacrifice of much time by a considerable number of people. The size of the war fund is determined by the amount of the city's contributions during a year and in accordance with its ability to contribute for such purposes. Montpelier started to raise a minimum of \$30,000 and ended with a fund of \$42,000, and Brattleboro after about \$42,000 had succeeded in amassing a fund of \$70,000 or over. As a result, those two communities will not have to go through the constant fevers of raising quotas for war charity purposes, they simply going to the war chest and drawing therefrom the proportion that it allotted to the approved cause.

The war chest fund started in Syracuse, N. Y., where something over a million dollars was raised and it has spread to many other places. In some places the raising of the money is carried on by fixing a certain percentage which men of varying incomes should pay monthly to the fund. That manner was not tried in Montpelier, said Mr. Woodruff, but nevertheless the fund was readily raised. The chief idea is to get everyone, or nearly everyone, in a community enrolled among the contributors to the good cause. It was argued that the war chest fund manner of raising quotas does away with a great deal of repeated work, tends to thrift, raises the community spirit, insures more general participation.

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ALDERMAN ROSSI'S FUNERAL.

Brought Together a Large Number of Friends Tuesday Afternoon.

Men of all ranks, members of fraternal organizations, and representatives of the city government gathered yesterday to pay tribute to the memory of Alderman Antonio M. Rossi of the fifth ward, whose death at his home, 6 High Holborn street, Saturday afternoon followed a three weeks' illness of pleuro-pneumonia. Services were held at the house in the afternoon at 2 o'clock, and some time before the hour fixed for the funeral High Holborn street was crowded with people anxious to pay their tribute to the deceased. The officiating clergyman was Rev. W. J. M. Beattie, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, who offered prayer at the house and later read the burial service at the cemetery.

Those who acted as bearers were: Mario Bielli, Antonio Fasola, Silvio Cardil, A. M. Cella, Peter Brusca, and A. Malinatti. Honorary escorts were made up of members of Mutuo Soccorso, Gratie City camp of Modern Woodmen, the Italian Athletic club and the Cristoforo Colombo band, an organization of younger musicians which Alderman Rossi frequently befriended in various ways. Mayor Glysson and members of the aldermanic board, heads of several departments, and others attached to the municipal government were in attendance and accompanied the funeral party to the grave. A profusion of flowers included tokens from the various societies with which the deceased was affiliated, more set pieces from city officials, and tributes from many individuals.

At Hope cemetery, where the interment was made, a group of sorrowing relatives was joined by a large following of friends. After the clergyman's service, Guido Comoli, in feeling words, eulogized the services of Alderman Rossi as a servant of the city and as a citizen in unofficial life.

From Waterbury, Northfield and Montpelier came a number of people to attend the funeral, and among those present from so distant were: Giulio Comi and daughter, Miss Rose Comi, of Milford, N. H. Through inadvertence, the name of Joseph Comoli, a brother of Alderman Rossi, was omitted from the list of surviving relatives printed in Monday's paper.

ROY BUGBEE'S FUNERAL.

Touching Service To-day in Memory of Popular Young Man.

The funeral of Roy C. Bugbee, whose death at his home, 5 Richardson street, Sunday morning followed a week's illness of pleuro-pneumonia, was held in St. Monica's church this morning at 9 o'clock. The parish priest, Rev. P. M. McKenna, was the officiating clergyman, and after the mass of requiem, the priest paid a moving tribute to the memory of a young man whose early death caused mourning among many people in Barre. Five of the bearers were from the Barre postoffice, where Mr. Bugbee had been employed for the past nine years. They were: Postmaster George W. Gorman, the assistant postmaster, Frank E. Robinson, James T. Keefe, John A. Leslie and James R. Mackay. The death bearer was Manager John E. Eames of the Park theatre, where the deceased was engaged as a musician. From the postoffice came members of the clerical and carrier forces, and the attendance at the services included a large number of Mr. Bugbee's other acquaintances. Interment was made in the family lot at Elmwood cemetery.

NATIVE OF BROOKFIELD.

Mrs. Asa Harrington Had Lived in Barre for Many Years.

Mrs. Hattie L. Harrington, wife of Asa Harrington, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. W. Eastman, Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock, the end following an illness of nearly six months. Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, she leaves a brother, George Huntley of Edenburg, Pa., and two grandsons, Raymond H. Eastman, a student in the Harvard radio school at Cambridge, Mass., and Harold Eastman, aged eight.

The deceased was born Hattie L. Huntley in Brookfield March 10, 1842. Her marriage to Mr. Harrington took place in Brookfield Oct. 18, 1864. Fifty years afterward they observed their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Harrington came to Barre in January, 1875. Mrs. Harrington, as well as her husband, was well known among the older generation of Barre people. She was a member of Ruth chapter, O. E. S., and belonged to the Universalist church.

The funeral will be held in the Universalist church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. J. B. Reardon, officiating. Interment is to be made in Elmwood cemetery.

HAD FAILED FOR FIVE MONTHS.

Mrs. Spiranza Cecchini Died Last Evening—Her Husband in Sanatorium.

Mrs. Spiranza Cecchini, wife of Ludovico Cecchini, died at her home, 537 North Main street, Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock. She had been in failing health for nearly five months, and latterly illness had confined her to her bed. Besides her husband, who is a patient in the state sanatorium at Pittsford, she leaves a son, Licio Cecchini, and two daughters, Lillia and Ida Cecchini. Her mother-in-law, Mrs. Anita Cecchini, also survives.

Mrs. Cecchini was born in Italy 32 years ago, and came to America in 1906. She had resided in Barre for the past 12 years.

The funeral will be held at the house Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and interment will be made in Hope cemetery.

TWO COLORED SOLDIERS

Are Wanted from Vermont to Go to Fort Wayne.

Vermont has received another call for men, but this is the smallest that she has received. It is for two colored registrants to go on May 6 to Fort Wayne, Mich., for general service. The two men will be taken, one from Washington county and one from Rutland, district No. 2. Their names will be announced as soon as the registrants have been notified.

The adjutant general's office has received reports from the different local boards showing that 16 photographs have been obtained. In fact, there are three or four extra so that the announcement of names cannot be made for a few days. Those who have applied over and above the number needed can self-induct into the special call received Sunday, in which 65 vocations were given in which men can self-induct.

S. RIZZI NEW ALDERMAN

Appointed in the Fifth Ward to Succeed the Late A. M. Rossi

HE IS WELL-KNOWN GRANITE MFR.

Council Passed Resolutions on Death of Deceased Colleague

A resolution memorializing the late Alderman Antonio M. Rossi of the fifth ward was offered by City Clerk Mackay at the regular meeting of the city council last evening and unanimously adopted. In it the colleagues of the deceased official expressed the sorrowful emotions aroused over the melancholy and untimely demise of the member from ward 5, and in closing the resolution extended the condolences of the council to the immediate family and other relatives of Alderman Rossi. Its adoption carried with it the desire that the memorial be spread on the city records.

Alderman Rossi is succeeded by Stefano Rizzi, a well known Barre granite manufacturer, whose appointment by Mayor E. C. Glysson was unanimously confirmed at a special meeting of the board of aldermen after the council had adjourned. He was a candidate for the office in the 1917 election, and when the tellers announced that a single vote separated the two men he graciously declined to ask for a recount.

The resolution as offered by the city clerk and adopted is as follows: "Whereas it has pleased God, in His all wise providence, to call from his earthly labors our co-worker and fellow citizen, Antonio M. Rossi, "Be it resolved, That in his death the city of Barre has lost a valuable citizen, a man of clean life, honorable and upright in his dealings with all, and a man who gave generously of his time for the public service."

"In his death the city council has lost the services of one who was always prompt in service, sincere in his actions, fighting strenuously for what he believed to be the right, and fearlessly opposing what he believed to be wrong."

"Be it further resolved, That we extend to his immediate relatives our sympathy in this time of bereavement, and that these resolutions be spread on the city records, and a copy of the same sent to his relatives."

Stefano Rizzi, who is appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Alderman Rossi, is a native of Italy, where he was born in Viggiu Oct. 18, 1867. He learned his trade in the land of his birth and served six years as a journeyman before coming to America, where he lived for a time in Quincy. For many years he has been an active figure in the Italian colony, and for the most part during his residence in Barre he has been prominently identified with its principal industry. He resides at 322 North Main street.

\$100 Movie Fee Fixed.

Once a quorum had been obtained, the council got down to business and proceeded expeditiously. Although Manager Atto Marianna of the Bijou made a spirited protest against charging him a license fee as large as that fixed for the Park theatre, the resolution fixing the fee for all movie houses at \$100 per year was adopted after the second reading. Mr. Marianna based his claim for a lower fee on the ground that he had paid the excessive fee for many years, while the manager of the Park theatre, a comparative newcomer, had obtained relief soon after beginning business here. Moreover, he asserted that a theatre with a seating capacity much smaller than the Park should not be required to pay the same fee. Successively, Aldermen Milne, Lorange and McMillan spoke on what they called discrimination in favor of Mr. Marianna, and the matter was then dismissed by Alderman Milne's motion to table the request. Later, the resolution amending the ordinance to conform to the change in fees and the resolution fixing the per annum fee at \$100 were adopted without dissent.

Some time was gained when Alderman Milne moved that the reading of the warrants be waived. The warrants, lying inches deep on the table, were not disturbed. Alderman Lorange of the police committee quoted Chief Sinclair as saying that the traffic signs, bearing the message "Keep to the Right," had been destroyed since last year. The chief, he continued, had suggested that iron cylinders, loaded with cement and crowned with an electric light, be substituted in their place, in order that motorists might respect them. Alderman Milne waited until his colleague had done speaking and then took rather positive exceptions to the chief's statements that the signs had been destroyed. He hinted at exaggeration by saying that the signs were so far from destruction that they were already in the street department shop and undergoing rehabilitation for use in the present season. The claim that they had been destroyed was misleading, the chairman of the street committee went on, and he suggested that the chief should keep in touch with the heads of the other departments.

Alderman Alexander filed the next exception by challenging Alderman Lorange's statement that the iron-pipe-and-cement idea originated with the chief. Alderman Lorange replied that he merely mentioned the chief in passing, and that someone else, after all, might have put forward the idea. The matter of traffic signs was finally referred to the police and street committees with power to act.

There were 26 births in March, according to the monthly report of the health officer. Thirteen of the babies are males. Of contagious diseases there were 12, eight of which were German measles, while the remaining four were divided evenly between diphtheria and chicken-pox. Nine deaths were due to the following causes: Tuberculosis of the hip joint, rheumatism, cerebral hemorrhage, locomotor ataxia, scarlet fever, pneumonia, pneumonia, tuberculosis, and senile decay. The report was accepted.

The overseer of the poor reported an income, including an appropriation of

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